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I hope the next annual meeting will be held at
Worcester, where the state can speak out. instead
of Lynn and Boston. It sickens me to think
the Massachusetts Board will send females as
delegates to the National Anniversary, and I am
surprised that any female can have sufficient courage
to go. I am for ^{having} women enjoy their rights. but do
not wish to have them claim the prerogatives of
men. I am glad the slaves have some true
friends in Boston, and I hope sir, you will
be rewarded in Heaven for your toil here in the
cause of suffering, insulted humanity.

I hope that notwithstanding our personal regard
for friend Garrison, we shall not support his paper
while he advocates the "No Government" theory.
I returned mine with the newspapers a few days
since. The abolitionist is well received among us.
I wish to have Br Well send me one copy
of the New Work on Slavery, and deposit it
in Dr D. J. Wines Bookstore ^{if convenient}. I conclude
he will send a number of them to Boston
for sale. I think this work will sell
well in this region. Yours for God, the
oppressed and for civil Government

Wm. Moulton.

P.S. All communications for me should be sent
to Book Boston P.O. N. N.

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Marlborough May 3rd 1839.

Dear Br Phelps,

Rev. Horace Moulton.

I have received two letters

from you of recent date, one wishing me to go to the Boston Antislavery Meeting; the other to New York — I hope you will not attribute any undue pressure from both of them to any want of interest in those meetings; for truly, I feel deeply for the welfare of this enterprise — and intent to do and sacrifice for the slave all that I consistently can with other duties. ^{One} reason why I was not at Boston was, I had two funerals to attend while that meeting was in session, and one reason why I cannot go to New York is, I was not chosen as a delegate, and now my engagements ^{are} such at a distance from home, that it will be impossible for me to go without neglecting some especial engagements abroad.

I regret that I cannot comply with your request, for several reasons — There is a rupture in our ranks, which has seriously affected our enterprise, and which not only has a tendency to make us a hissing and a byword by our enemies, but to undermine the very foundation of our enterprise, and bring in a flood of corruption upon our community by disorganization. No Government etc — Sir, I fear the Perison Abolitionism as carried out by his party, ^{at present} so far as this influence extends, will but prepare the way for anarchy, infidelity, &c. — Those whom we placed the most confidence in here, went to their party in our late struggle for a representative. But I hope we shall recover after a while. We are all dumb, however, at present, and the influence is such that but little can be expected in Marlborough in favour of pleading humanity — I think the sooner we reorganize and sift out all those who will not carry out their principles, the better it will be for the general cause.

Richd. Botton paid
m, May 3
Rev. A. A. Phelps.

Boston.

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